

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
AIR QUALITY DIVISION  
ACTIVITY REPORT: Scheduled Inspection

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| FACILITY: OTTAWA FOREST PRODUCTS INC           |                               | SRN / ID: N3449           |
| LOCATION: 1243 WALL ST, IRONWOOD               |                               | DISTRICT: Upper Peninsula |
| CITY: IRONWOOD                                 |                               | COUNTY: GOGEBIC           |
| CONTACT: Oscar Buselli , Manufacturing Manager |                               | ACTIVITY DATE: 01/15/2014 |
| STAFF: Joel Asher                              | COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance | SOURCE CLASS: MINOR       |
| SUBJECT: Wood waste collection system          |                               |                           |
| RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:                           |                               |                           |

On 1/15/2014, I conducted an unannounced inspection of this facility. My contact was the manager, Mr. Oscar Buselli.

The facility continues to produce pallet material. Raw logs are cut and shaped to produce the pieces for pallet production. All sawdust and wood waste is collected and conveyed through a baghouse. Bark and waste is collected and sold as fuel. Hogged material is collected separately and sold to paper companies.

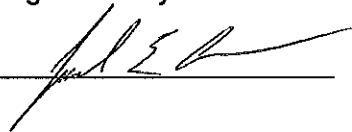
The baghouse appears to be working efficiently. All exhausted air is directed back inside the plant. No exhaust is released outside. A full spare set of bags is maintained on-site. No bags have had to be replaced since the facility restarted after the fire in January of 2012. A magnaheic guage is on the outside of the building near the baghouse. A yellow warning light is in place and lights up when the sawdust collection is not operational.

Since no emmissions are made to the outside, an Air Use Permit is not required. No violations of the Air Pollution Control Rules were observed during this inspection.

A few suggestions were made to Mr. Buselli.

1. Hanging flagging tape in front of the baghouse exhaust would be a visible sign that the dust collection fan is operational. This could be seen from any point inside the plant.
2. Moving the magnaheic guage inside the plant would provide for easier access to and more visibility of the guage. Placing the guage in a location where staff would easily see it would make it more likely to observe a problem.
3. Mark on the guage what the manufacturers suggested levels of operation for the specific bags being used in the baghouse. This would allow anyone passing the guage to immediately know if the bags are operating efficiently or if there is a problem.

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1/16/2014

SUPERVISOR